

Remarks

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application, all of which stand finally rejected in the Office Action dated September 16, 2005. On October 23, 2009, the B.P.A.I. rendered a Decision on Appeal affirming the final rejection of claims 1-41. By this paper, Applicants amend claims 1, 14-16, 29, 31 and 33. Applicants submit that support for these amendments can be found in the disclosure as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. A Request for Continued Examination and the applicable fee accompanies this Amendment and therefore entry into the file of record is appropriate.

The claims of the present application are rejected as follows:

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 14-18, 20, 29, 30, 31, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,029,141 (*Bezos*).

Claims 3, 19 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bezos* and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,029,141 (*Cathey*).

Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 22, 23, 27, 28, 36, 37, 40, and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bezos* and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,377,993 (*Brandt*).

Claims 11, 26, and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bezos* and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,073,105 (*Sutcliffe*).

Claims 12, 13, 21, 24, 25, 35, and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,778,182 (*Cathey*) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,794,219 (*Brown*).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the amendments contained herein and the following remarks. The pending claims are not obvious in light of *Bezos*, the proposed combination of *Bezos* and *Cathey*, the proposed combination of *Bezos* and *Brandt*, the proposed combination of *Bezos* and *Sutcliffe*, the proposed combination of *Cathey* and *Brown* or any other reference or combination of references of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification to this effect.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge RCE filing fee of \$810 and any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Paper to the Deposit Account of Applicants' assignee, Ford Global Technologies LLC, Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

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